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TO : Acting Assistant Director for Scientific Intelligence

DATE: AUG 8 1955

FROM : Chief, Physics and Electronics Division, SI

SUBJECT: Responsibility for "Unidentified Flying Objects" (UFOBs)

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5. It is requested that this Division be relieved of the responsibilities assigned to it under Reference A since:

a. No intelligence of concern to national security has been developed from the project.

b. The project as defined by Reference C does not fall under the provision of DCID 4/4 on Critical National Intelligence Objectives.

c. P&E's successful participation in the FY-1956 OSI Production Program requires that all non-essential activities be terminated.

6. In view of the fact that no positive intelligence of significance has been produced under the subject project, it is recommended that the project be terminated and the files thereof be placed in dead storage.

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